



GCS Third Quarterly Meeting Tries Group Discussion Method

At the third quarterly meeting of GCS last night, a new type of small group discussion method was tried with great success. Four subjects covered at the various groups included: membership participation; merchandising and loss operations; administration practices; theatre.

After a 25 minute discussion period in each of the smaller groups, reports and recommendations were made to the general discussion group. Several of the recommendations were: membership should be consulted before loss operations are withdrawn; the variety store should carry more economy items in preference to quality merchandise; the board should give reconsideration to administrative practices, since dissatisfaction has been expressed. A resolution proposed by Sherrod East said that administrative procedures are in the domain of the Board and not the membership. There was much heated discussion pro and con. Walter Voetkhausen felt a group discussion method technique had no place in GCS if the membership could not make recommendations. Ben Rosenzweig expressed the opinion that "before the Board can restudy its procedures, concrete suggestions should be made on which they can work". Since there wasn't a quorum, no legal action was taken on election of director or nominations and elections committee.

It was noted that there has been an increase in profits during this third quarter.

Legion Armistice Day Parade Plans Progress

Every effort is being made to make this the outstanding Armistice Day services in the entire Washington area. The committee feels justly proud in getting as speaker of the day, Howard L. Cousins, an ex-Marine Major whose home is in Ft. Fairfield, Maine, and who is at present studying law in the Nation's capital. Major Cousins has received many decorations for heroic duty in the Pacific, and he lost his leg at Iwo Jima. Since getting out of the service, he has been an ardent member and worker for the American Legion and the people of Greenbelt are extremely fortunate in getting a speaker of such high caliber. While in Greenbelt, Mr. and Mrs. Cousins will be house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riley of Crescent Road.

Another real attraction is assured for appearance in the parade and that is none other than the celebrated war dog, Loki. "Pop" Bell, who originally trained the dog for war duty and who handles him while in this area, has received word that he will be shipped via air to Washington for the legion parade. "Loki" was the big hit at the recent Maryland Legion Convention when he was called on the floor during the meeting and introduced by Past Commander Hammer. He will wear, for the first time in Greenbelt, his new robe, made and given him by the Ladies Auxiliary of Post 136.

Arrangements have been made for the Boys Club of Greenbelt to be on display. They will appear in the parade just before their big Armistice Day game here in Greenbelt. All three of the teams will take part, as well as other members who don't play football, and it is hoped that several of the men who will be in line with them.

Also the American Legion Post from Laurel is sending their new Post Band to take part in the parade.

Ellie Ritchie Reports At Chest Luncheon

Ellie Ritchie, of the Greenbelt Cooperator and Labor Press Associates, reported Tuesday for Prince Georges County that \$8,289.53 had been collected in the Red Feather Campaign. This represents 15.94% of the county goal of \$52,000. In terms of the 3467 people to be served by Chest agencies in 1951 there are still 2914 yet to be provided for.

Ellie reported at the luncheon at the Washington Hotel at which members of the press, radio and television industries were honored for their part in publicizing the Red Feather Campaign.

The Woman's Club, under the direction of president Mrs. E. Leland Love and Welfare Chairman Mrs. Ralph Neumann, is conducting the Special Solicitation drive in Greenbelt. Because all gainfully employed persons will be solicited at their places of work the Special Solicitation Division will solicit prospective donors at home. This will not be a door-to-door solicitation but rather a selective effort to approach people in these five categories: (1) The retired person; (2) The self-employed person working in or out of his or her home; (3) The woman of independent means; (4) The woman who wants to give an additional gift in her own name over and above what her husband gives at his place of work; (5) The domestic employed in the home.

The Greenbelt Public Library will be closed on Tuesday, November 7, election day. No fines will be charged for books due that day.

Cub Scout Pack 229 Announces Awards

The meeting of Cub Scout Pack 229, held on October 26 in the social room of the Center school, was devoted to the yearly inspection. Richard E. White, Scoutmaster, complimented the Cub pack on the points of uniform and neatness.

After the inspection the following awards were announced: Lewis Smith, gold and silver arrow for bear, lion badge and graduation certificate; Fred Slauch, lion badge and gold and silver arrows for lion; Roger Evans, gold and silver arrows for bear; David Goldfadden and Frank Phelps, gold and silver arrows for wolf; William Edwards, Russell Pollack and David Reuben each received the gold arrow for wolf; Brent Barker, silver arrow for wolf; and Gary Santora the wolf badge.

The following bobcats were welcomed into the pack, Joseph Barcus, Stephen Behrens and Frank Stone, Jr.

Fred Birdseye is Cubmaster of Pack 229 and the den mothers are Mrs. Chellman, Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. Atherholt; Mrs. Chittenden, Mrs. Krouse; Mrs. Raduazo, Mrs. Pollack, and Mrs. Stepura.

ASPHALT JUNGLE

The road repair crew has been busy during the past week patching the asphalt roads in the courts, according to city manager Charles T. McDonald.

Tuesday Legal Holiday, City Offices Closed

City Manager Charles T. McDonald has announced that the municipality offices will be closed on election day, Tuesday, November 7, a legal holiday in the state of Maryland. The city office, the library, and the public health and recreation departments will be closed. Garbage and trash collections scheduled for that day will be postponed until Wednesday.

Thanksgiving Essay Contest

Students of Greenbelt's elementary, junior high and senior high schools are reminded that they have only until November 13 to submit their entries to the Thanksgiving essay contest sponsored by the "Cooperator". Theme of the essays is to be "The Meaning of Thanksgiving", with the hope that it will remind Greenbelters of the heritage of freedom and peace that are a part of the Thanksgiving tradition.

In the first division of the contest will be essays submitted by students through the sixth grade; junior high students will participate in the second division, and senior high students in the third division. Prizes will be awarded in all divisions and will be the same in each; a first prize of \$5.00, second prize, \$2.50, and third prize, \$1.00.

Entries must be postmarked no later than November 13 and addressed to the Greenbelt "Cooperator", Contest Editor, P.O. Box 68, Greenbelt, Maryland. All entries must be legibly written and signed with name, school and grade, and address.

Judges will be Mrs. Marjorie Muir, Greenbelt's librarian, Mayor Elizabeth Harrington, and Bill Gold, Washington Post columnist. Winners will be announced in the Thanksgiving issue of the "Cooperator".

Ora Donoghue Joins Cooperator Staff

Ora Donoghue, acting assistant director of the Recreation Department, has joined the staff of the Cooperator. Ora has resided in Greenbelt since November, 1937, and was graduated from the Greenbelt center and high schools. She earned her B.S. in Physical Education, Health, and Recreation at Maryland University. She has been employed by the Recreation Department for the past three years.



Donoghue

In accordance with Cooperator tradition she puts in an amazing number of hours on her job, earning the appreciation of teenagers and the town as well. She is single and lives with her parents at 1-C Eastway.

Women Voters Meet Here November 9

The Greenbelt Unit of the League of Women Voters will hold its regular meeting at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 9 at the home of Mrs. Burke Horton, 4-K Plateau Place. A discussion on the structure of county government will be led by Mrs. Ben Goldfaden, who is a member of the League's County Local Government Committee. This committee has prepared a series of eight questions dealing with a proposed survey of county government, the Sothoron Law and home rule, and these questions will form the basis for the discussion.

Women interested in enlarging their knowledge of government beyond Greenbelt borders, are urged to come to the meeting. Questions concerning attendance may be addressed to the Unit Chairman, Mrs. Mathew Fusillo, Greenbelt 6482.

Special Council Discusses Budget, Property Tax, And Welfare Dept.

A tentative budget of \$213,362.49 for 1951 was submitted to the city council by city-manager Charles T. McDonald at a special meeting last Monday night. The amount is \$14,000 less than the budget for this year, and is the result of some small reductions in services and costs, according to the manager. Next year's budget includes no new services. A public hearing on the final budget will be held the 13th of November in the city administration offices.

Consideration of leave regulations and the personal property tax continued to occupy council's attention. Reduction of annual and sick leave, and reduction of the work-week from 48 to 40 hours for city employees seems probable as council members prepared proper ordinances for a vote at next Monday's regular meeting.

Personal Property Tax Still Hot

Although the council appears in agreement over the leave and work-week matters, signs of disagreement were indicated over repeal or reduction of the personal property tax ordinance as applied against local businesses.

(The portion of the present personal property tax ordinance against household effects is doomed for oblivion, however, as council members agreed the tax was unnecessary. Although on the books for over ten years, only in rare instances during the first years of Greenbelt's existence were attempts made to collect the tax.)

City Solicitor Ralph Powers reiterated former opinions regarding the legality of the personal property tax against business. In his judgment the tax is proper and valid. He reminded the council that it had no inherent taxing power itself, and could use only those powers to tax as delegated to the council by the state in the city charter.

Councilman Frank Lastner stated that he was resigned to the fact that the personal property tax would not be repealed. He still felt, however, that it should be reduced to encourage new light industries in Greenbelt. He described the large growth of the Prince Georges County area and the Berwyn area, and the desirability of Greenbelt property along the railroad tracks near Berwyn as conditions favoring introducing new industries.

Councilman Thomas Canning stated that he didn't notice any new industries clamoring to get into Greenbelt during the ten years that the personal property tax was not in effect.

In an effort to reduce the tax, Mayor Elizabeth Harrington declared that she will prepare an ordinance to that effect for the next meeting so that the council will have the opportunity to vote on the issue again. She stated that she still favored a reduction of the tax, having introduced a similar ordinance during the recent controversy, when it was defeated.

Welfare Department Proposed

Although the proposed budget indicated no new services for the community, Mayor Harrington proposed that a Department of Welfare be set up with a half-time employment of a welfare worker in Greenbelt. Alarmed by the number of welfare cases handled and called to the attention of the mayor, city-manager, clergy, and other prominent citizens, the mayor declared there was evidently a dire need for such a department. "Welfare work is definitely a function of any well-run city", she asserted. The need for someone trained to assist and guide distraught families in our community was emphasized by McDonald. The council agreed to have the city manager investigate the establishment of a welfare department.

Gun Club Wins First Match; Indoor Program

The local Gun Club's No. 1 team participating in the Maryland Rifle League's indoor program at the University this winter won its first match, but lost the second in the 12-match series when the Terps team (U of Md) scored 1136 last Thursday against Greenbelt's 1130. The latter score, while very good compared to the 1949 gallery season average, didn't quite come up to what the University men, who have much more opportunity for practice, are generally capable of.

Cardinal Spellman Visits C. U. Sunday

Greenbelt Ladies of Charity and members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society are invited to attend the special session of the 36th Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Charities at which His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman will be guest speaker. The Cardinal will speak next Sunday night at the gymnasium of Catholic University at 8 p.m.

This meeting is a part of the Conference, which is being held at the Statler Hotel, from November 1 through 6. Some 1500 delegates from this area, representing 267 organizations, are expected to attend various sessions of this meeting.

The Cardinal's subject will be "Charity—The Personal Responsibility of Every Christian".

JCC Bazaar, Rummage Sale Daily Nov. 6 - 10

Greenbelt-made and store-donated toys and dolls will be featured at the Jewish Community Center's rummage sale and bazaar, to be held daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., November 6 through November 10 in the lobby of the swimming pool building. Mrs. Sally Brandon, in charge of the sale, has an unusually large selection of items this year, which were donated by Washington's leading stores, as well as outgrown clothing in excellent condition.

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Everybody's Welfare

By I. J. Parker

The city council's decision to set up a welfare department in Greenbelt is a wise one. Too many citizens are unaware of the need for such an agency. Brought to light in the council meeting was the distressing fact that there are families in Greenbelt that need some kind of assistance either financial or social. We have our share of broken homes and families. Sickness often brings to unprepared homes hardship and misery.

Often, what is needed most is information and guidance, so that those in distress can reach the proper authorities and agencies for help. The clergy and city officials have often provided this kind of help; but what is needed is a competent, specially trained social worker.

The council indicated that there might be some hesitation on the federal government's part in approving such an added service. The reduction in next year's budget at a saving of nearly fourteen thousand dollars strongly emphasizes the extreme care the city manager and the council exercise in disposing of city funds. Adding a community service such as a welfare worker cannot be regarded as frivolous.

A public hearing on the budget for next year will be held in the council chambers on November 13th in accordance with the law of the city charter. In order to assure securing the added service of a welfare worker, it is important that citizens attend the hearing and lend their support.

Democracy In Action

When is a product so good that it becomes too good? The answer might be found in the current investigations conducted by the Federal Trade Commission on the charges of large chain bakers against the use of a new flour formula being used by small commercial bakers. These monopoly chain bakers are protesting the interstate shipment of bread, or flour used in the bread, made according to a formula perfected by Dr. Clive M. McCay at Cornell University. Their argument is that this new-formula flour does not fit the Food and Drug Administration standards. They fail to state that it is superior to the FDA standards. But they have the money to maintain a powerful lobby in Washington for the purpose of fighting the widespread sale of bread by independent bakers who might prefer to use this improved flour.

We are told over and over again by these same bread companies, through their advertisements, that their breads are healthful, nutritious and "just like Mother's home-baked bread". We are not told that chemicals have been substituted for eggs, milk and shortening or that bleached flour which is used has had all its nutritional value destroyed. Yet it has become increasingly obvious, despite what the ads claim, that it tastes nothing like Mother's bread (how could it), that a mouthful resembles cotton inflated with air, that it is highly susceptible to mold and one slice is equal in satisfaction to one "bite" of the old-time bread.

In a series of experiments at Cornell, it has been proven by Dr. McCay that present day "enriched" white breads have produced poor health and insanity in animals. These findings have not embarrassed the monopoly bread companies into improving their product. They have the effrontery and the money, with the aid of the chemical industry, to fight the nutrition experts, the Council on Food and Nutrition of the American Medical Association and the independent baker, who wants to use the new flour, by invoking regulations.

These hearings have been going on for a period of more than two years in all its manifestations, the latest one being the prohibition of interstate shipment, but will close November 9. This might be a good opportunity for those spirited citizens among us who recognize this fight as another blow at our free enterprise system to get in our say, either by letter or in person. It might be argued on personal grounds that as individuals the bread doesn't appeal to us. But that only serves to obscure the point. For we can still choose to buy or not to buy this new-formula bread at the grocery store. The large chain bakers want us to buy only what they decree we shall buy—their bread. If they win, there will be only one kind of bread available. There will be no freedom of choice. In order to preserve their monopoly they've put up a stiff fight. In order to preserve our freedom of choice, we ought to match theirs.

Personal Touch

Doris Asbell Mednick, 3518
What's this-world-coming-to-department: With more and more autos filling the streets of Washington so that driving has become tortured and frenzied—with city planners yelling for wider streets, overstreets and more streets to take care of the increased traffic... Ford has to come along and complicate things with "Are you a two-car family?" You can be, you know, Ford will have you believe. And soon the American philosophy, instead of being a chicken in every pot, will soon become a car in every garage as well as one in front of every home. Can you just picture the courts of Greenbelt when that day comes? Along with this trend of two-of-everything (if you aren't careful) you'll be buying an additional TV set for the bedroom. Okay, you've been warned about what the advertising brethren are up to.

There was a low sound Tuesday night that built up to a crescendo and swept over all of Greenbelt. Didn't you hear it? It was a sigh of relief that at last Hallowe'en was over. Newcomers to our fair city should have been warned to fill the larders with provisions for "Trick or Treat" night. They came in droves past our house!

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pierpont (nee Ina Jones) 20-E Hillside, became the happy parents of a boy, Ronald Stanley, born October 6, weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jones, 6-B Parkway became the happy grandparents. Daddy Stanley who is quite a baseball player and fan is looking forward to the training days he'll spend with his son. Of course, it's those other training days (if you know what I mean) that really make a world of difference.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hutchinson of 6 Woodland Way announce the birth of their third child, a boy, named Larry Michael, born at Prince Georges hospital on October 18.

Up around the 2 Court of Laurel Hill this past week, four kiddies celebrated their fourth birthdays. They were all born within 4 days of each other. This is beginning to sound like Ripley's "Believe it or Not". Kevin Callanan celebrated his birthday with a whopping good party on Tuesday. Cecilia Hargy of 2-B Laurel Hill is another one; and Michael and Mary Cunningham, twins of 2-H Laurel Hill have also reached the four-year mark.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Dietz of Rochester spent several days of their vacation visiting his uncle, Mr. Justin Klem and Mrs. Klem of 2-Q Laurel Hill, had a baby boy, ernal children of his own, he was inspired by the sight of so many children to think about increasing his family. Of course, that sight might have a different effect on other people.

Maurice and Peg Mooney, 9 Court Laurel Hill, had a baby boy, Mark, weighing 6 lbs. at the time of birth.

Bob and Mary Jane Zust, 3-N Research Road, gave a Hallowe'en party Saturday night and all 17 guests came in costume. The 18th guest was Peg Mooney who was busy in the hospital with her newborn baby, and couldn't make it. They had some pretty potent apple cider, too, from the stories I've heard. A good time was had by all.

Scotty Gosman, 4-F Crescent, was 4 years old on October 31, and celebrated with an outdoor birthday costume party. Rabbi Sandhaus led the clowns, cowboys, black cats, gypsies, witches, pirates and hobos in singing "Happy Birthday", while lighted jack-o-lanterns smiled down from atop the clothesline posts.

GCS Sponsors Radio Program On WCFM

"Co-ops at Work", on Station WCFM Mondays at 7:45 p.m., this week features "Barrio Beautiful", the story of co-ops in the Philippines. This weeks program is sponsored by GCS, and Bob Broadbent takes part in it.

COMMUNITY CHURCH PROTESTANT

Ministers:

Edward H. Bonsall, Jr.

Eric T. Braund

Church Phone 7931

Thursday, November 2 - 7 p.m., St. Cecilia Choir. 8 p.m., Cloister Choir. 8:15 p.m., Church Women's discussion group at Mrs. Braund's.

Friday, November 3 - 8 p.m., Community Church choir sings at Preaching Mission, Hyattsville Methodist church.

Sunday, November 5 - 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m., Morning Worship. Mr. Braund will preach on "Beyond Tolerance". Church School at 8:45 and 11 a.m. for nursery, beginners and primary, 9:50 a.m. Juniors, Jr. High, Sr. High, and adults. 6 p.m., Angelus Hour of private devotions. 8 p.m., First Sunday night Holy Communion. The Sacrament of baptism and reception of new members.

Monday, November 6 - 8 p.m., Board of Trustees, Church Office. Coming: Annual Christmas Gift Bazaar and Dinner, November 15, 2-10 p.m., in Church social room.

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor
Greenbelt 5911

Saturday: Confessions, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for children, 7 to 9:30 for adults.

Sunday: Masses, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. This Sunday is Holy Communion Sunday for members of St. Hugh's Sodality, who will receive Holy Communion together at the 7:30 Mass.

Friday, November 3: First Friday of the month. Holy Communion distributed at 6:45 a.m., Mass at 7 a.m.

Wednesday: Novena services, 8 p.m.

Monday: 7:30 p.m. Religious instructions in the rectory, followed by question period for Catholics as well as non-Catholics, at 8:30 p.m.

Religious instruction for all public school pupils, grade and high school, immediately after the 8:30 Mass on Sunday.

Friday: Bingo, 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Sodality Reception For New Members

Mrs. Margaret Baldwin, prefect of the Sodality of St. Hugh's Church, has announced that a reception for new members will be held on December 8. All the women of the parish who are not members of the Sodality are urged to make themselves known to the prefect, so that arrangements can be made for their installation in December. Next meeting, Wednesday, November 8.

St. Hugh's Parents Guild Sponsors Turkey Raffle

The Parents Guild of St. Hugh's School is sponsoring a Thanksgiving turkey raffle Friday, November 17. A complete Thanksgiving dinner including a turkey with all the trimmings, is the first prize, (Courtesy Greenbelt Consumers Services). Second and third prizes are turkeys, (donated by Restorff Motors and Jimmie Porter).

The prize for the boy selling the most tickets is a junior football autographed by the coach and members of the Maryland University football team. For the girl selling the most tickets there is a prize of a lovely "SISTER DOLL". And for the sellers of the 3 winning tickets there are prizes as follows: 1st - turkey (donated by the Norman Motor Co.); 2nd - \$2.00 cash; 3rd - \$1.00 cash.

Woman's Club Schedules Meeting, Speaker Nov. 9

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt will meet Thursday night, November 9, 8:15 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Greenbelt Center School. Speaker for the meeting will be Mr. Don O'Reilly, Editor of "Speed-Age" whose subject will be "Relation of Publicity to Volunteer Work".

Hostesses will be Mesdames Henley Goode, Walter Bierwagen, Bertha Bonham, Edward Bonsall and Harry Stage.

GREENBELT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Edwin E. Pieplow, Pastor

Phone WARfield 0942

Thursday, November 2 - Choir meets at Mrs. Holien's, 2-F Plateau Place, 8 p.m.

Friday, November 3 - Men of the parish will meet with the pastor at the Hyattsville school at 8 p.m. to further discuss the building program.

Sunday, November 5 - Sunday school and adult Bible class, 9:45 a.m. Regular services at 11 a.m.

MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Phone SHEpherd 0035

Sunday, November 5 - Sunday School 9:45. Worship Hour 11 a.m. Sermon topic "This Decision". We will celebrate the fourth anniversary of our Church at both the morning and evening services. We are putting special emphasis on the evening service at which time we shall hear the Rev. James T. Bard of the University Methodist Church. Refreshments including a birthday cake will be served following service. The public is cordially invited to attend all services. The Fidelis Class will meet promptly at 7 p.m.

Monday, November 6 - The Woman's Society of Christian Service will hold its regular monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. Henry Chellman, 7-C Southway. Mrs. Grace Dickey is co-hostess.

Wednesday, November 8 - The official board will meet in the Church at 8 p.m. It is important that all members attend this meeting. A recent letter included a list of all members.

Thursday, November 9 - Regular adult Choir rehearsal in the Church at 8 p.m.

HEBREW SERVICES

Greenbelt 3593

Morris Sandhaus, Rabbi

Friday, November 3 - Candle-lighting, 4:45 p.m.; Services, 8:30 p.m., social room, Community bldg. Portion of week, Chaye Sarah. Sermon topic, Meaning of Life. Special prayer for month of Kislev.

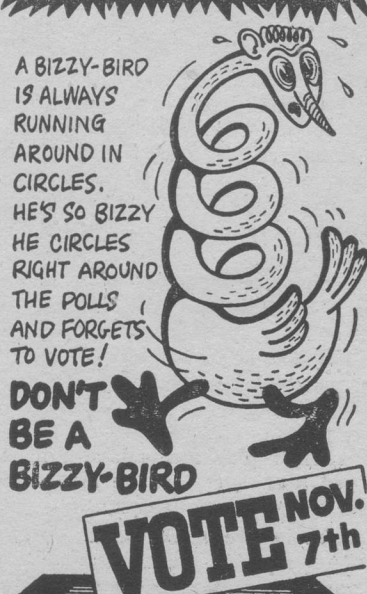
Ladies of Charity Elect New Officers

New officers for the forthcoming year were elected at the October 19 meeting of the Greenbelt Ladies of Charity. Mrs. Winifred Flynn will be president, with Cyrilla O'Connor as alternate; Molly Burns, vice-president with Theodora Murray, alternate; Marian Dietzel, secretary, with Dorothy Bordenet, alternate; Mae Zoellner, treasurer, with Marcella Granfield, alternate; and Dorothy Green, wardrobe mistress, with Mary Callanan, alternate.

PASSENGERS or alternate drivers wanted to vicinity 18th & Penn. N.W. Leave Greenbelt 7:30 a.m. Leave Washington 5:30 p.m. Call 7866.

RIDE WANTED to Independence and 3rd S.W. Monday to Friday 8:30 to 5. Call 6811.

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DON'T BE A BIZZY-BIRD

VOTE NOV. 7th

Letters To The Editor

The general election this year will be a unique experience for voters in Maryland. Only once in twenty years are the voters given the opportunity that this year's election affords. One of the two resolutions which will appear on the ballot will concern the calling of a state convention (No. 6 on the ballot) for considering whether or not the Maryland Constitution is adequate to meet the needs of our generation. Indeed, it is admirable that the framers of Maryland's last constitution made provision for the referendum to be included on the ballot every twenty years. It suggests that these men were aware of their own shortcomings and at the same time realized that perhaps the twentieth century would bring different problems than those of 1867.

There are a great many people who feel it is high time there was a constitutional convention. Governor Lane and his Republican opponent T. R. McKeldin are two of those who recognize the need and have issued statements to that effect. There has been no convention since the constitution was written in 1867. There is no provision made for absentee voting for all the people. Only military personnel out of the country at the time of an election can vote, and those only by direct authority of the governor and the state legislature. Also, there is no guarantee of a secret ballot.

In other articles of the Maryland Constitution are to be found many provisions which should be left to statutory law, that is, for the state legislature to handle. Back in 1867 some one person or group must have been vitally interested in the boundaries of Wicomico County because three paragraphs of the constitution are taken up with defining the boundaries of this county, thus cluttering up a document which should rather be devoted to laws for the entire population of the state. Another item is the representation of the various counties in the legislature. In the present constitution it is stated that counties may have increased representation up to a total population of 55,000. Counties of this size can have six (6) delegates but no more. There are several counties in the state which have a much greater population than 55,000—Prince Georges, for one, has 193,000 people.

What are the advantages of a convention at this particular time? Well, there are so many amendments (59) that any more would just add to the general confusion. (There are five more on the ballot to be voted upon this November). One-third of these amendments have come in the last ten years. Let's compare this record with that of our Federal Constitution. The constitution of the United States of America does not need any referendum because in the total time of its existence (163 years) it has had only 21 amendments, with one of these repealed. This document, of course, is recognized the world over as a masterpiece. It has a positive way of definition. The Maryland Constitution, on the other hand, often uses a negative approach, such as telling what qualification a person must not have to become a legislator, instead of, like the Federal Constitution, listing the qualifications a person must have to become a Congressman, Senator or President.

Suppose for a minute that a constitutional convention is being called. How shall we choose the delegates? Most certainly these delegates should be the kind of folks who have the good of the whole people of the state at heart. In other words, real statesmen! Can these people be found and pressed into service? It is generally thought that, given the challenge, the people of Maryland could furnish from among themselves the necessary qualified constitution framers.

Vote FOR the constitutional referendum. The convention will be a recommending body only. The people of the state will have the final vote in the matter.

League of Women Voters
Prince Georges County

CHORDS & DISCORDS

By Bill Mirabella

What is the proper age for a child to start studying a musical instrument?

Like most general questions, it implies a general answer. I think such an answer is of little value as regards a particular boy or girl. As far as a general answer is concerned, we might say that a child should start as early as he or she is capable, mentally and physically, of handling the particular instrument to be studied.



Mirabella. ed. This can only be found through trial and error. I am not aware of children of five or six starting on a bassoon. However, there are plenty of examples of pianists who have started at such early ages. The violin also has its share of early beginners.

The problem, it seems, revolves around what the particular child is capable of doing, not what some other child is doing. Some children can start much earlier than others. Those should start as early as possible. True, a good deal of patience and supervision on the part of the parent, as well as the teacher, is necessary. But this effort pays off in that the child will have acquired the basic habits of practice at such an early age that it will be a natural and lifelong custom. Then, as he grows older he will be better able to continue his study of music, because it will have become effortless habit, and take on in addition the other activities which are common to most children.

As far as the record shows, here are some examples of very young beginners: Yehudi Menuhin started violin at the age of 3; Jascha Heifitz started the violin at the age of 3; Mozart, Hoffman and Godow-

HYATTSVILLE LIONS CLUB GIVES CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The Hyattsville Lions Club of Prince Georges County, Maryland, is inaugurating a new campaign this year for good citizenship and patriotism.

In the past few years, there has been an alarming increase in the number of registered voters who fail to cast their ballots on election day. Everyone who is an eligible voter and does not cast his vote at each and every election is helping to destroy the freedom which we all enjoy today.

There are too many people believing in the fallacy that their one vote will not make any difference.

The Lions Club of Hyattsville, through its "Citizenship and Patriotism" Committee will honor and present its Good Citizenship Plaque to the town or district embodying the precinct in Prince Georges County which, on Election Day, in the General Elections held every two years turns out the greatest percentage of votes in relation to its registered voters.

Club officers will be interviewed Sunday afternoon on Station WGAY.

Help your precinct to be the one to give your town this Lions Award.

Be a good citizen. VOTE.

Diabetes Detection Drive

The District of Columbia Diabetes Association, and the District Druggists' Association, are instituting a diabetes detection drive, with free tests, throughout the Metropolitan Area during the week of November 12-18. Diabetes is a serious disease, and so insidious in its approach that one out of every one hundred and fifty Americans, it is estimated, have the disease without knowing it.

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GREENBELT COOPERATOR

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NCJW Holds Bingo Saturday Night

A Bingo Party scheduled for this Saturday evening, November 4, in the social room of the Center school was announced at the membership meeting of the Greenbelt Section, N.C.J.W. last night. Unusual and valuable gifts such as radio, waffle iron, electric clocks, and cash will be among the prizes.

Convention reports were given by members who attended the sessions of the Mid-Atlantic Conference. Mrs. Thomas Dolgoff and Mrs. Harold Fischer discussed the amendments and referenda to be voted on at the Nov. 7 election and urged members to vote.

JUNIOR CHORUS TO START CHRISTMAS CAROL STUDY

The Junior Chorus, in recess for Halloween, will meet again Tuesday night from 7:30 to 8:30 in room 201 of the Center school. All young people from the 4th grade through senior high school are eligible to join. Mrs. Lyman Woodman, director of the group, announces that the chorus will work first on Christmas carols from other lands, including one from China and one from Slovakia. Further information about the group may be obtained from the Recreation Office at 2627.

WOMEN BOWLERS

Women interested in a ladies' bowling league for afternoon bowling, call Mrs. Lastner, 3401, or Mrs. Johnson, 6317, or the Greenbelt bowling center, 2136.

Library Features Child Study Books

An adequate and well-used group of books in the Greenbelt public library are those in the child study and child care and training field. Some of the most popular titles are:

Babies Are Human Beings; Adrich; Introduction to Exceptional Children, Baker; New Ways in Discipline, Baruch; The Happy Family, Benedict; Love Is Not Enough, Bethlehem; Off To A Good Start, Black; Parents And The Pre-School Child, Blatz; The Child Who Never Grew, Buck; Psychology Of Childhood And Adolescence, Cole; Our Rejected Children, Deutsch; Children And You, Evans; At Home With Children, Garrison.

Also, The Child From Five To Ten, Gesell; The First Five Years of Life, Gesell; Infant and Child in the Culture of Today, Gesell; Adolescence and Youth, Landis; David's Bad Day, McKean; How to Help Your Child Grow Up, Patri; The Rights of Infants, Ribble; Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care, Spock; The Handicapped Child, Stern; Teen Days, Strain; Give Your Child A Chance, Turner; The Parent's Manual, Wolf; Jealousy in Children, Ziman.

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Boys' Club Juniors Bow To Lanham Boys' Club

Greenbelt Boys' Club Junior Football team traveled to Snug Harbor for a game with the Lanham Boys' Club. The return trip, however, was not a happy one as the boys came home on the short end of a 19-6 score. To say that the Juniors were outweighed would be putting it mild. The Lanham boys were considerably bigger and heavier in addition to being well drilled and more experienced. Lanham returned the kick-off to its own 43 and began a sustained drive for the goal line, which ended in a touchdown. The only bright spot in this drive was the defensive playing of Hoelscher and Jamieson. Hoelscher knifed thru and threw one of the Lanham backs for a loss on the 11 and also blocked the kick for the extra point. At the close of the first quarter a Greenbelt punt rolled to the Lanham nine yard line where Ed Hall recovered a Lanham fumble. It seemed as if Greenbelt was on its way to a touchdown when suddenly a Lanham back intercepted a pass on his goal line and ran the entire length of the field for a touchdown. Lanham scored again in the third period on a hand off which resulted in a 70-yard run and six points making the score 19-0. Greenbelt's drive for a touchdown came late in the fourth quarter. A Bing Miller to Hensel pass got a first down on the Lanham 40. Hensel drove for 7 and Rosenzweig made it a first down on the 30. Hensel reeled off 7 more which, added to a 15 yard penalty, gave Greenbelt a first down on the 8. Rosenzweig drove for 2 and Miller skirted the end for a touchdown. Final Score 19-6. The two most glaring faults on the team are the poor passing from center and the backfields' lack of speed in carrying out their blocking assignments. In many instances the ball carrier was actually hindered by his own interference.

In the other Boys' Club games last Saturday the Midgets beat Lanham 24-0 while the 80 pounders were losing to Washington Boys' Club No. 5 by a score of 25-0.

Games This Saturday
Juniors vs. Riverdale in Greenbelt at 12:30.
90-lb. Team vs. Trinidad at Trinidad, 10 a.m.

Ole McDonald Has A Farm Ee-yi ee-yi-yo

East goes east and ole McDonald gets his farm. In spite of the absence of chick-chicks, oink-oinks and honk-honks, the Charles T. McDonalds are thoroughly enjoying life on their farm at 6060 Greenbelt Road, newly acquired from the Sherrod Easts.

The Easts, city-wise again, are now living at 33-M Ridge Road. The many friends of Mrs. McDonald's mother will be glad to hear that she is again making her home with the McDonalds.

The new phone number at the McDonald farm is Tower 6575.

Fox Tales

By Sam Fox
Congratulations and Thanks: I would like to thank all the parents for the wonderful cooperation given to the Recreation Dept. in making the Hallowe'en celebration a great success. The parties were wonderful and I know the children had grand time. There were over 1325 children at the different parties.

Dramatics: Dramatic classes at North End school on Thursdays at 3:30 in room 101. We hope to put on a Christmas play. Children from the third grade up are invited. **Thanksgiving:** Let's get our arms and legs in good condition for the coming Football Contest on Thanksgiving morning. Winners will receive gold footballs for the best kickers and passers. It will be open for midgets, juniors and seniors. **Girls** are invited to attend, but we will have a basketball contest for the girls on Braden Field. The winners will receive gold basketballs.

Arts and Crafts: Due to the large attendance in Arts and Crafts, we have split up the class. One group comes on Mondays and another group comes on Wednesdays. The classes are held in the Center school in the social room at 3:30 to 5:30. **Touch Football:** There is a Touch Football game every Monday, Wednesday and Friday on Braden Field or back of Center school, open for elementary schools and high schools. The Parochial school played Center school children to a tie last Friday. North End school children will play a group from Center school next Monday.



Bowling Headlines

The newly formed Greenbelt Athletic Club Men's Bowling League played its first league game of the season last Friday evening in the new GCS Alleys. The Credit Union team captained by George Bauer led the spotlight of the evening by swamping Tom Shipp's team 3-0. Individual leaders were H-Average 115.1 - Donohue, H-Spare 8 - Sanders, H-Strikes - J. Tompkins, H-Set 346 - Donahue, H-Game 134 - Donahue.

Tickets On Sale Now For Lions Cage Games

Series tickets are available for the Greenbelt Lions basketball games, to be sold by various church organizations. A series ticket will entitle children to attend six games for the price of four, or adults may see three games for the price of two.

The tickets will be good for all games played by the Lions at the community gym in the Center school, except those especially designated as benefit games.

The Lions will play their first game on November 4 against the strong Washington Gas Company team. The second game will be played on November 18. Game time will be 8:45 p.m., with a preliminary game scheduled for 7:45. Residents are urged to buy tickets now and take advantage of the series bargain.

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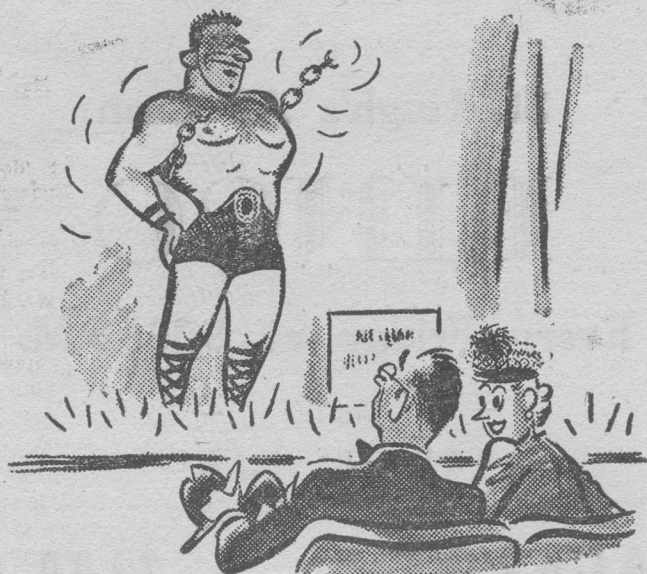
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